

Freedom of Information Request HQ-FOI-01483-10

Wanda McLendon o bryant

09/29/2010 03:15 PM

Cc: MaryAnn Petrole, Patrick Easter

Dear Mr. Furlow:

We would like to update you on the status of your above-referenced FOIA request. Due to the voluminous number of documents related to the BP oil spill, EPA is currently establishing a database to properly collect and enable searches for the information you seek. In an effort to schedule the allocation of resources, we have assigned a target date for completion of your request. Based upon current projections, we anticipate that your request should be completed by January 15, 2011.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (202) 566-1917.

Sincerely,

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Extended time for Freedom of Information Request HQ-FOI-01483-10

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01/19/2011 04:18 PM

Cc: MaryAnn Petrole, Patrick Easter, Ruby Capers

Dear Mr. Furlow:

This e-mail is in reference to your request for documents related to the BP Oil Spill under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Resources (OSWER)'s Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has conducted a thorough search for and gathering of BP spill emergency response emails and other documents. We are placing them in a searchable database in order to respond to the seventeen FOIA requests related to the BP Oil Spill. The results of this effort have yielded over 125,000 documents.

Due to the voluminous amount of records generated during the BP spill emergency response, and identified as potentially responsive to BP spill-related requests, OEM will be unable to respond to your FOIA request by the date given in my previous e-mail of September 29, 2010, and will require more time to respond to your request. Although we have completed the collection of records, additional processing for each specific FOIA request will require more time to complete. The additional time will accommodate necessary review by program staff of the office(s) that supported the Coast Guard's response to the BP spill, as well as review for quality control and consistent applicability of exemptions. We will release the information on a rolling basis as it becomes available. Our goal is to fulfill all of these FOIA requests by May 20, 2011. Please know that we are making every effort to get the requested information to you in as timely a manner as possible, given the volume of information and the need to ensure its responsiveness to your request.

If you have any questions regarding the agency's efforts to respond to your request, please contact me at (202) 566-1917, and thank you for your patience as we continue to process your request.

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FOIA follow up phone calls

Patrick Easter to: Wanda McLendon

Cc: Ruby Capers, MaryAnn Petrole

02/15/2011 03:12 PM

Wanda--Per our conversation, here is a list of the FOIAs and the follow up calls that I made to the requesters. I spoke with some requesters (all of whom were very understanding of the situation) and left messages for the others including a request for them to call me back to discuss. Please let me know if you need more information. Thank you, Patrick

HQ-FOI-02187-10 1/12/2011, 11:30 a.m. left voice message for Jaclyn Lopez

HQ-FOI-02189-10 1/12/2011, 11:36 a.m. left voice message for Anne Weisman

HQ-FOI-01312-10 1/12/2011, 11:40 a.m. left voice message for Chris Horner

HQ-FOI-01392-10 1/12/2011, 11:51 a.m. spoke with Tom Hamburger

HQ-FOI-01419-10 1/12/2011, 12:12 p.m. left voice message for Albert Huang

HQ-FOI-01483-10 1/12/2011, 12:16 p.m. left voice message for Bryant Furlow

HQ-FOI-01499-10 1/12/2011, 12:22 p.m. spoke with Elana Schor

HQ-FOI-01509-10 1/12/2011, 12:31 p.m. spoke with Jim McElhatton

HQ-FOI-01586-10 1/12/2011, 12:47 p.m. spoke with Nadia Kounang

HQ-FOI-01675-10 1/12/2011, 12:56 p.m. left voice message for Seth Borenstein

HQ-FOI-01676-10 1/12/2011, 12:59 p.m. left voice message for Angel Hertslet

HQ-FOI-01691-10 1/12/2011, 1:06 p.m. left a message with the secretary of Stuart Smith

HQ-FOI-01702-10 1/12/2011, 1:20 p.m. spoke with Claudette Juska

HQ-FOI-2061-10 1/12/2011, 1:40 p.m. spoke with Heather Reed

HQ-FOI-00067-11 1/12/2011, 1:45 p.m. left voice message for Eric Wachter

HQ-FOI-00165-11 1/12/2011, 1:46 p.m. left voice message for Helen Sok



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Re: Freedom of Information Request HQ-FOI-01483-10

Dear Mr. Furlow,

This letter is in reference to your request for documents related to the BP Oil Spill under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Resources (OSWER)'s Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has completed the search, collection, and review of over 125,000 potentially responsive documents related to the BP Oil Spill. I have enclosed a disc containing electronic copies of responsive, non-exempt records for your request. These files are in Lotus Notes database format (.nsf), and must be read using the Lotus Notes Client (version 8.5 or higher). If you don't have Lotus Notes, you can access a free trial version at: <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/downloads/ls/lsndad/>.

The Lotus Notes database files are not meant to be opened directly from the disc. Instead, you should copy the file(s) to a hard drive. You may then open the file by double clicking on the copy saved to your hard drive. Alternatively, you can go to the Lotus Notes "File" menu, choose "Open", "Lotus Notes Application", "Browse", and choose the file you have previously saved to your hard drive. If you attempt to open a Lotus Notes file directly from the enclosed DVD or DVDs, you may get error messages. You will also find an index of withholdings attached to this letter.

During final review of the enclosed material, the Agency became aware that several employees in EPA's Office of General Counsel had not provided their records due to inadvertent error. EPA is currently in the process of collecting records from these individuals who may also

This letter consists of a partial response to your request. You may appeal this partial response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001.

Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Should you have any questions regarding the Agency's response to your request, please contact Patrick Easter at 202-564-2534.

Sincerely,



Dana Tulis, Acting Director
Office of Emergency Management



Bryant Furlow

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119 documents released

Withheld:

Ex4 CBI	34
Ex 5	9297
Ex6 (Privacy)	0
Other Federal Agency	453
Other	2

Closedout Documentation
01483-10

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Re: Fw: FOIA Request #01392-10/ BP Oil Spill
Abbie Agner to: Patrick Easter
Cc: Cynthia Floyd-Coleman, Ruby Capers

09/20/2011 10:12 AM

Thanks! Patrick.

Patrick Easter Yes, those FOIAs are complete. thank you. Fr... 09/20/2011 06:02:59 AM

From: Patrick Easter/DC/USEPA/US
To: Abbie Agner/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Cynthia Floyd-Coleman/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Ruby Capers/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 09/20/2011 06:02 AM
Subject: Re: Fw: FOIA Request #01392-10/ BP Oil Spill

Yes, those FOIAs are complete. thank you. ✓

Abbie Agner Patrick, Per the info below, would you say the sa... 09/19/2011 05:41:36 PM

From: Abbie Agner/DC/USEPA/US
To: Patrick Easter/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Cynthia Floyd-Coleman/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 09/19/2011 05:41 PM
Subject: Fw: FOIA Request #01392-10/ BP Oil Spill

Patrick,

Per the info below, would you say the same is true for FOIA Request #01483-10—another BP oil spill case. I think the information that was uploaded to the OSWER database covered both requests—#01392-10 and #01483-10—and so ORD can be closed out of #01483-10 also. Would you confirm that for us, please. ✓

Thanks,

Abbie

— Forwarded by Abbie Agner/DC/USEPA/US on 09/19/2011 05:34 PM —

From: Patrick Easter/DC/USEPA/US
To: Abbie Agner/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Cynthia Floyd-Coleman/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 06/20/2011 02:41 PM
Subject: Re: FOIA Request #01392-10/ BP Oil Spill

Yes, that FOIA is all done. thank you!

Abbie Agner Hi Patrick, The above FOIA request was closed... 09/20/2011 02:38:12 PM

From: Abbie Agner/DC/USEPA/US
To: Patrick Easter/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Cynthia Floyd-Coleman/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 06/20/2011 02:38 PM
Subject: FOIA Request #01392-10/ BP Oil Spill

Hi Patrick,

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The above FOIA request was closed by OSWER via its response to the requestor dated 5/18/11. But the case remains open in FOIAXp for ORD who was a co-assignee and provided its records through the OSWER database.

Please respond back confirming that the request is closed and nothing further is required from ORD. That confirmation will provide the documentation we need to close the case for ORD in FOIAXp.

Thanks,

Abbie Agner

USEPA/ORD

ORD FOIA Coordinator

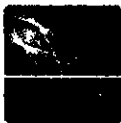
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Wanda McLendon to: bryant

Cc: MaryAnn Petrole, Patrick Easter, Ruby Capers, Lynn Kelly

09/29/2011 11:20 AM

Dear Mr. Furlow:

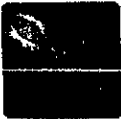
This e-mail is in reference to your request for documents related to the BP Oil Spill under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. As you know, the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Resources (OSWER), Office of Emergency Management (OEM) had provided a partial response to your request in May. During that time, the EPA's Office of General Counsel (OGC) was currently in the process of collecting records responsive to your request. At this time, we would like to update you on the status of this request.

Due to the voluminous amount of records generated during the BP spill emergency response and identified as potentially responsive to BP spill related requests, the OGC anticipate that your request should be completed by December 6, 2011. Please know that we are making every effort to get the requested information to you in as timely a manner as possible, given the volume of information and the need to ensure its responsiveness to your request.

If you have any questions regarding the agency's efforts to respond to your request, please contact me at (202) 566-1917, and thank you for your patience as we continue to process your request.

Sincerely,

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Status of Freedom of Information Request HQ-FOI-01483-10

Wanda McLendon to: bryant

12/29/2011 12:52 PM

Cc: Lynn Kelly, MaryAnn Petrole, Patrick Easter, Ruby Capers

From: Wanda McLendon/DC/USEPA/US

To: bryant@epinews.com

Cc: Lynn Kelly/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, MaryAnn Petrole/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Patrick Easter/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Ruby Capers/DC/USEPA/US@EPA

Dear Mr. Furlow:

This e-mail is in reference to your request for documents related to the BP Oil Spill under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. As you know, the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Resources (OSWER), Office of Emergency Management (OEM) had provided a partial response to your request in September. At that time, the EPA's Office of General Counsel (OGC) was currently in the process of collecting records responsive to your request. At this time, we would like to update you on the status of this request.

OGC has completed its supplemental collection and identified almost 5,000 remaining documents to review for responsiveness and possible release. Due to the voluminous amount of records identified in this supplemental search and because most of this material was generated by attorneys necessitating careful review, OGC anticipates that your request should be completed by February 24, 2012. Please know that we are making every effort to get the requested information to you in as timely a manner as possible, given the volume of information and the need to ensure its responsiveness to your request. Additionally, if you are no longer interested in remaining documents to be processed, please notify our office and the agency will close your request.

If you have any questions regarding the agency's efforts to respond to your request, please contact me at (202) 566-1917, and thank you for your patience as we finish the processing of your request.

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Re: Fw: OGC BP FOIA Update and Final Extension ☐

Lynn Kelly to: Wanda McLendon

Cc: Patrick Easter, Alan Margolis

04/03/2012 08:36 PM

From: Lynn Kelly/DC/USEPAUS
To: Wanda McLendon/DC/USEPAUS@EPA
Cc: Patrick Easter/DC/USEPAUS@EPA, Alan Margolis/DC/USEPAUS@EPA

Wanda,

Thanks for your patience on this - I was in Chicago last week and am just now getting my head above water here. I have been given the ok to reassign these to OGC given the time it has taken for us to be able to process these records. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Would you be agreeable to coordinating with us to send out the responses when they are ready. If we are able to have the tracking re-assigned to OGC? We would take care of drafting and with your review, the content of the response letters- we would just need your assistance with sending them out to the requesters since you have all the relevant history of correspondence with them. Please let me know what you think.

Thanks

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Wanda McLendon Hello Kelly I haven't heard from you since last ye...

03/28/2012 04:26:18 PM

From: Wanda McLendon/DC/USEPAUS
To: Lynn Kelly/DC/USEPAUS@EPA
Cc: Patrick Easter/DC/USEPAUS@EPA
Date: 03/28/2012 04:26 PM
Subject: Fw: OGC BP FOIA Update and Final Extension

Hello Kelly

I haven't heard from you since last year concerning the OGC BP FOIAs. The assignments are showing past due for our office. Has a response gone out? If so, please provide a copy. If not, we need to discuss reassignment to OGC because our office should not be held accountable in FOIAxpress for these FOIAs.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thanks.

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From: Lynn Kelly/DC/USEPA/US
To: Wanda McLendon/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Patrick Easter/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 12/21/2011 12:19 PM
Subject: OGC BP FOIA Update and Final Extension

Hi Wanda,

Happy Holidays! I am writing to request one final extension letter be sent to the BP requesters with the final response deadline for OGC to conclude its review and response portion by 2/24/12. We've (finally) gotten all of the supplementary collection together and are reviewing the records -but we have located nearly 5,000 records which will require careful review since it is attorney work product for the most part. I have attached a draft of the extension letter and was wondering if your office could review and send to the requesters as before? I do think [REDACTED]. Please call or reply with any questions or concerns - I realize this is a time of year where folks are out of the office so it may take a few days to get these notices out. Thanks so much for your assistance.

[attachment "BP Extension Letter DRAFT.docx" deleted by Lynn Kelly/DC/USEPA/US]

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